

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Muhammad Ali was born Cassius Clay in Louisville, Kentucky on January 17, 1942; and

WHEREAS Muhammad Ali became an Olympic gold medalist in the 1960 Summer Olympics, and in 1964, became the heavyweight boxing champion; and

WHEREAS, Muhammad Ali was stripped of his title for refusing to be drafted into the U.S. Army in 1967, and was banned from boxing; and

WHEREAS, following his suspension, Muhammad Ali reclaimed the heavy weight title two more times, becoming the first man to win three heavyweight titles; and

WHEREAS, Muhammad Ali is considered one of the greatest boxers of all time; and

WHEREAS, outside the ring, Muhammad Ali was a champion for social justice, racial equality and religious freedom; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Muhammad Ali was presented with the Presidential Citizens Medal by President Bill Clinton, and in 2005, was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President George W. Bush; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2005, the Muhammad Ali Center opened in Louisville, Kentucky, and focuses on core themes of peace, social responsibility, respect, and personal growth; and

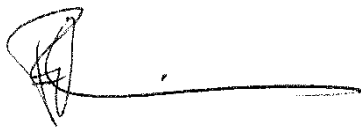
WHEREAS, Muhammad Ali passed away on June 3, 2016 at the age of 74 after battling Parkinson's for many years;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do proclaim June 14, 2016 as

MUHAMMAD ALI DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 14th day of June, A.D. 2016



Peter Shumlin
Governor

